

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 17th CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

IN RE: ACCESS TO JUROR QUESTIONNAIRES

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2003-11

At a session of said Court, held in the Kent County Courthouse
In the City of Grand Rapids in said County.
November 10, 2003


Present: HON. GEORGE S. BUTH
Chief Circuit Judge

IT IS ORDERED:

This administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1987-1, effective April 1, 1987. The purpose of this order is to regulate access to juror questionnaires upon approval by the State Court Administrative Office.

1. Juror Qualification Questionnaires, MCL 600.1315; MSA 27A.1315
 - a. Juror Qualification Questionnaires are confidential and are not public records.
 - b. Juror Qualification Questionnaires shall be kept on file by the Jury Board for a period of 3 years from the time they are filled out.
 - c. The only persons allowed to examine Juror Qualification Questionnaires are:
 - 1) the Jury Board;
 - 2) the judges of the court;
 - 3) the court clerk and deputy clerks, or other designated court staff; and
 - 4) persons authorized access by court order.
 - d. The answers contained on any Juror Qualification Questionnaire shall not be publicly disclosed.
2. Juror Personal History Questionnaire, MCR 2.510
 - a. Juror Personal History Questionnaires are confidential and are not public records.
 - b. Juror Personal History Questionnaires shall be kept on file by the Court for a period of 3 years from the time they are filled out.
 - c. The only persons allowed to examine Juror Personal History Questionnaires are:
 - 1) the judges of the court;
 - 2) the court clerk and deputy clerks or other designated court staff;
 - 3) parties to actions in which the juror is called to serve and their attorneys; and
 - 4) persons authorized access by court order.
 - d. Attorneys of record, individuals or agencies acting on behalf of attorneys of record, and parties in pro per may examine Juror Personal History Questionnaires of jurors anticipated to be called for voir dire by presenting a written, signed request to the Court prior to commencement of voir dire. Neither photocopies nor verbatim handwritten copies of Juror Personal History Questionnaires may be made by the person examining the questionnaires. However, summary notes of pertinent information may be recorded.
 - e. Examination of Juror Personal History Questionnaires may only be conducted in an area designated by the Court except upon order of the chief judge or trial judge in an assigned case.

This Order supercedes Kent County Circuit Court Local Administrative Order 2003-8. This Order shall be effective upon approval of State Court Administrative Office.


George S. Buth, Chief Judge (Date)